GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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SPORTS ACADEMY
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has not been able to open a Sports Academy for training the young sports persons; and

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor along with the stage at which the matter stands at present?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a) Sports is a State subject and promotion of the same at the State level is the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, Government of India, through its own Schemes and Schemes of Sports Authority of India (SAI), augments the efforts of the State Government in promotion of sports at Junior, Sub-Junior and Senior level.

As per the existing Scheme of State Sports Academy, an Academy can be set up jointly by the Central Government, State Government/UT Administration and a Sponsor as a co-operative venture. The financial assistance to the Academy in respect of capital, non-recurring costs with an upper cap of Rs.8.30 crore has to be shared between the Sponsor, the Central Government and the State Government in the ratio of 51:25:24. In addition, recurring cost upto Rs.17 lakh per annum or 25% of actual expenditure, whichever is less, shall be payable for a period of three years by the Government of India.

(b) Some State Governments/UTs have indicated their desire for setting up of Sports Academy.